

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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13/17* This application is a continuation of U.S. Application serial No. 09/993,422, filed on November 5, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/783,484 filed on February 14, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/040,456 filed on March 18, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,213,894, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/631,613 filed on April 10, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,803,831, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046 filed on January 25, 1996, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 08/070,510 filed June 1, 1993, now abandoned. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/411,690 filed on October 1, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/040,798 filed on March 18, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 26 in the application and substitute new claims 27 to 53.

AK 27.(NEW) A method of producing a golf ball having a core, an inner cover layer disposed about the core, and an outer cover layer disposed on the inner cover layer, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a first material for forming a golf ball core;
forming the golf ball core from the first material;
selecting a second material for use in forming an inner cover layer, the second material being thermoplastic and exhibiting a Shore D hardness of at least 60;
forming an inner cover layer from the second material about the golf ball core;